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## Report of the Secretary of War.

We present, as sufficient for the information of the general reader, an epitome of this document, which is itself, in great part a lucid condensation of the reports of bureau, commissioners, officers of the army, &c. From this we learn that the whole rank and file of the army is not over six thousand and five hundred men. But a single regiment is now stationed on the Northern frontier, from Maine to Lake Superior; and but one of dragoons and two of infantry, from St. Anthony's Falls to N. Orleans. The artillery regiments, reduced by detachments of four companies from each are in garrison along the seaboard, from Newport to New Orleans, and the remaining, and larger portion of the army is now in Texas; the political reasons being given, which led the government to place them there; nor is it thought prudent to remove them thence, until our relations with Mexico shall have assumed a more settled and amicable character. Should there be found any necessity to increase the army, the Secretary proposes to make it upon the basis of the regiments, not by creating new ones. He would add to the rank and file, so as to make each infantry company consist of sixty eight men, and each dragoon company, of sixty six increasing the number of privates without an increase of officers. Besides the increase, it is also suggested, that an additional regiment of dragoons or mounted may be found necessary, should Congress adopt, as he thinks they will, the measure of establishing military posts on the route to Oregon, extending them to the Rocky Mountains.

The sending of our troops to Texas has increased the expenditures, especially for transportation; but for this some degree of compensation has been had, in the improvement which has taken place in their discipline, in consequence of their concentration. The recommendation is renewed, for the establishment of a corps of sappers and miners, and pontoniers, moderate in point of number, to assist, among other duties, in constructing bridges, in consequence of the military occupation of Texas.

The report gives a rapid but interesting account of Col. Kearney's expedition, during the last summer, to the South Pass of the Rocky mountains; the impression it produced among the Indians; the number of emigrants whom it met on their way to Oregon, to the number of 2,325 men, women and children, with 7,000 head of cattle, 400 horses and mules, and 460 wagons. This report of Col. Kearney accompanies the communication of the commanding general, and will furnish, no doubt, an interesting store of extracts, at a season of greater leisure. It also refers to the adventure of another detachment of the dragoons, under the command of Captain Sumner, nearly to the northern line of the United States, between Lake Superior and Lake of the Woods. Among the Indians whom they made a due impression with their military display, was a numerous band of half-breeds of the Red River of the North, who had come from the region of the Hudson Bay Company, into our lines, to hunt buffalo. They had even solicited permission to reside in the United States.

The exaggerated accounts of Mexican forces on the Rio del Norte, and the rumors of large advances approaching it, induced the General commanding the Western Division, to dispatch the volunteers of Louisiana to the aid of General Taylor. Full justice is done to their gallantry, and Congress is asked to make provisions for their compensation. Four companies of Texan mounted men, whose services Gen. Taylor in virtue of authority given him, accepted for three months, are unpaid, nor is there yet any provision for their payment.

The estimates for the ensuing year do not greatly vary from those of former years. The item for the armaments and fortifications is increased \$100,000. The attention of Congress is directed to the state of the fortifications—to the armories of Springfield and Harper's Ferry—to the establishment of a national foundry for cannon—to the preservation of the gunpowder belonging to the government—to the condition of the mineral lands in the Northwest, which the Secretary proposes to transfer from the management of the ordinance department to some other.

Forty-eight forts are in process of construction, and the attention of Congress is directed to the propriety of erecting new ones at other points; among which, as suggested by the reports of the engineers, are fortifications of the narrows at Staten Island and Sandy Hook, and the condition of the long-suspended fortress at the Point Patch; an additional work at Sellers' Point for the protection of Baltimore; and projected fortifications on the Florida reefs.

The military academy at West Point is spoken of in terms of commendation, as being much improved, and as an institution of great usefulness, and an improvement is suggested, in the selection of a board of visitors from civil life. Attention is called to the report of the chief of the crops of topographical engineers, and to the improvement of the harbors of the lakes, which are so well calculated to furnish accommodations to steamers that, in a state of war, may be turned to the most effective purposes, and to furnish facilities to a commerce that is now estimated at one hundred millions of dollars annually.

The Secretary speaks with enthusiasm of the expeditions under Captain Fremont, and his valuable services. He refers to the reports of the pension office, which has now registered upon its books 28,921 pensioners—2,371 added during the last year, and 1,438 known to have died. He devotes a considerable space to the Indian agency and the Indians—the Potawatamies, the Choctaws, and particularly the Cherokees. Our relations with them all are pacific, and their condition, in the main, is improving under the influence of secular and religious education. Some unhappy differences exist among the Cherokees; the different parties have delegations at Washington, and with some necessary legislative authority, it is thought the Executive can remove the causes of dissatisfaction, and that then our Indian relations will be settled on a permanent basis, and be likely to remain quiet for a long time to come. Some communications, designated as interesting, are referred to as having been received from the sub-agents in Oregon. The number of Indians residing there is estimated at forty-two thousand. They are represented to be less war-like and savage than those on this side of the Rocky Mountains, disposed generally to cultivate friendly relations with our citizens settled in that territory; and not adverse to the habits and pursuits of a civilized people. Considering their vast superiority in numbers over the emigrants, and the great difficulty in sending aid to the latter in the event of hostilities, it becomes important to adopt proper measures to preserve, confirm, and extend a friendly intercourse between the Indian tribes and our citizens in Oregon. To this end, it is suggested that a full agency should be established beyond the Rocky mountains, with ample powers and liberal means to maintain amicable relations with these tribes. It is also probable that the public interests require another agent to reside among the Indians in Texas.

There was paid to the Indians, for annuities, and in fulfillment of other treaty stipulations, in the fiscal year ending 30th June last, the sum of \$805,300 72. The Secretary of War is, moreover, the trustee of funds, belonging to different tribes, amounting to \$2,140,591—the annual interest of which is \$111,679 06. This is exclusive of the Chickasaw national fund of \$1,679,399 40, of which the Secretary of the Treasury is the trustee.

The Secretary devotes the remainder of his report to the organization of the militia. He suggests various alterations; and, among the rest, submits the question whether it might not be advisable to reduce the period of service from 18 years to 21, upon the ground that, although citizens of eighteen years of age are not too young to bear arms, they are not generally in a situation to equip themselves with arms as the law requires. In view of the burdens now imposed, he questions whether the militia duty should be exacted from persons under the age of twenty-one years; and he further suggests in conclusion, that trainings and inspections should be confined to those under the age of thirty years, and that only this class, in the first instance at least, should be liable to requisitions for actual service. Changes in the present organization, with view to these results, while they would not impair the efficiency of the militia system, would mitigate its onerous burdens, remove some well founded complaints, and aid in restoring the confidence and consideration justly due to it as an auxiliary to a free government and a safeguard to public liberty. It is a subject of serious importance, and deserves the deliberate attention of Congress.

**Report of the Post Master General.**  
From the report of the Hon. Cave Johnson, Postmaster General, accompanying the President's Message, the Constitution has compiled the following facts, which we copy for the information of our readers:

Extensive miles of post roads over which mails are transported on 30th June, 1845, 143,844  
Amount of transportation during the year ending do, \$6,364,260  
On horseback and in sulks, 11,225,610  
By stages and coaches, 17,934,046  
By steamboats and railroads, 6,484,592  
Which cost, \$2,905,504  
On horseback and in sulks, \$548,479  
By railroads and steamboat, 458,073  
For local and mail agents and messengers incidental to railroads and steamboats, 37,513  
Number of contractors employed by the department, 30th June, 1845, 8,277  
Do, do, mail agents, 30  
Do, do, messengers, 114  
Do, do, local agents, 12  
The amount of miles of transportation executed last year, 224,645  
The cost was less by \$62,791  
Number of post offices 30th June, 1845, 14,153  
Do, do, established preceding year, 352  
Do, do, discontinued do, 34,003  
Do, do, this day, 3,033  
Do, Postmasters appointed during year, 3,033  
On account of deaths or resignations, 1,897  
Do, change of site of post office, 17  
Do, removals, 753  
Do, commissions expired and not re-appointed, 14  
Do, commissions of new post offices, 352  
516 contractors have been fined to the extent of, \$10,511 50  
The revenue of the department was, \$4,289,541 89  
The expenditures do, 4,330,731 99  
The net revenue, after deducting commissions of postmasters, and contingent and incidental expenses, \$2,942,217 27  
Estimates falling off from change in rates of postage at 45 per cent. Assuming this to be correct, and that the savings on contracts let and to be let will equal the expenses of new routes and improved service, there will be a diminution of means \$1,325,997.

The reduction of cost of transportation of mails in New England States and New York for the year ending 30th June next, while the same amount of service will be performed as last year, will be \$252,732.

The letting of new routes in the above States will amount to \$36,200.  
Of 67 Railroad contracts in those States, only 35 have been adjudged in consequence of exorbitant demands. The rail road service performed is one-tenth part of the whole, the pay they receive one-fifth part.

Should there be a similar saving in the other divisions in letting the new contracts, there will be a further saving—  
In the Western section in the year ending 30th June, 1847, of \$335,000.  
Southern section in year ending 30th June, 1848, of \$238,000.  
Middle section in year ending 30th June, 1849, of \$180,000.

The compensation to postmasters and expenses of offices for the year ending 30th June, 1845, \$1,409,875 18.

The resignations consequent upon the new law, previous to the issuing of the circular giving the postmasters the same compensation of last year, amount to over 2,000.

Alludes to the frauds committed under the weight system, one envelope which accidentally broke, was marked post paid \$1.60, containing 100 letters, which were liable to \$10 postage.

Recommends, if the weight system is to be continued, its reduction to a quarter of an ounce for a single package.

In 1836, the weight of the mails for one week in the cities of New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Washington, and Richmond, was tested, and the whole weight amounted to 55,241 lbs.

The newspapers weighed, 44,868 lbs. Periodicals do, 8,857 lbs. Letters free and taxable weight, 1,916 lbs.

At present he believes the printed matter is nine-tenths of the weight conveyed, and that it pays only one-tenth of the expense.

He recommends that the rates of postage be hereafter 5 cents for a single letter over 50 miles.

Ten cents for a single letter over 300 miles.

These rates he proposes to continue until the 30th June, 1846, and then abolish the 15 cent rate, and restore the rate at present. He recommends also the restoration of the former rates of postage on printed matter, giving the right to the publishers of conveying such matter out of the mails if they think proper; also, a limitation of the number of exchange papers which the editors may send and receive free of postage, instancing the fact that there are now from 1700 to 1800 newspaper establishments, as proof of the abuse which may be practised under the law as at present.

Also, the restoration of the franking privilege to the postmasters; and that all persons who, under the old law, being in employ of government, had the privilege of receiving letters free, should have that privilege restored to them. He also recommends most strenuously and energetically the making the payment of all postage imperative upon the senders. The report states that there are estimated not to be less than 300,000 dead letters returned to the Post Office Department quarterly; and, during the first quarter under the operation of the new law, 400,000, the postage on which is lost to the Government, as well as an immense amount of printed matter which is never taken out of the office. The magnetic telegraph between Baltimore and Washington has cost, between 1st April and 1st October, \$3,244 89, (including Prof. Morse's salary,) and the receipts have been \$413 44.

From the National Intelligencer.

**The Annual Report of the Secretary of the Treasury.**  
The report of the Secretary of the Treasury was, with commendable promptitude, placed upon the tables of the two Houses of Congress yesterday. It will probably be several days before it will be within our reach in a printed form; and we have therefore made hasty notes of some of the most important particulars of information which it affords.

We learn from it that the Receipts and Expenditures for the fiscal year ending 30th June, 1845, were as follows:

**RECEIPTS AND MEANS.**  
From customs, \$27,528,112 70  
From sales of public lands, 2,077,022 30  
From miscellaneous sources, 163,295 98  
Total receipts, 29,768,430 98  
Add balance in Treasury July 1, 1844, 7,857,373 64  
Total means, 37,625,804 62  
The Expenditures during the same fiscal year amounted to, 29,965,206 98  
Leaving a balance in Treasury July 1st, 1845, of, 7,658,597 64

**The estimated Receipts and Expenditures for the fiscal year ending 30th June, 1846, are:**

**RECEIPTS.**  
From customs last quarter, by actual returns, \$8,861,838 14  
For 3d, 3d, and 4th quarters, as estimated, 15,636,067 86  
Total from customs, 24,500,000 00  
From sales of public lands, 2,200,000 00  
From miscellaneous and incidental sources, 120,000 00  
Total receipts, 26,820,000 00  
Add balance in Treasury 1st July, 1845, 7,658,597 64  
Total means, as estimated, 34,478,597 64

**EXPENDITURES.**  
The actual expenditures for the first quarter, ending 30th June, 1845, were, \$8,463,092 41  
For 3d, 3d, and 4th quarters, as estimated, 15,636,067 86  
Total expenditures for the first three quarters, from 1st Oct. 1844, to 30th of June, 1845, are, 24,100,000 00  
For civil list, foreign intercourse, &c., 6,730,211 06  
Army proper, 2,594,735 66  
Fortifications, ordnance, armament, militia, &c., 2,346,778 89  
Indian department, 1,649,791 94  
Pensions, 1,536,545 93  
Interest on public debt and Treasury notes, 8,56,976 48  
Redemption of residue of loan of 1841, 29,300 00  
Treasury notes outstanding, 687,764 18  
Naval establishment, 4,902,545 93  
Which, deducted from total means above stated, will leave in Treasury on 1st July, 1846, an estimated balance of, 4,851,254 32

**The Estimated Receipts, Means and Expenditures for the fiscal year commencing 1st July, 1846 and ending June 30, 1847, are as follows:**  
From customs for the four quarters, \$32,500,000 00  
From public lands, 2,400,000 00  
From miscellaneous and incidental sources, 100,000 00  
Total receipts, 35,000,000 00  
Add estimated balance to be in Treasury 1st July, 1846, 4,851,254 32  
Total estimated means for fiscal year ending 30th June, 1847, \$39,851,254 32

**The estimated expenditures during the same period viz:**  
The balance of former appropriations, 29,965,206 98  
The estimated balance to be expended in this year, \$1,411,457, 610

Permanent and indefinite appropriations, 3,907,915 72

Specific appropriations asked for this year, 2,020,440 43

Total estimated expenditures, 5,928,356 25

Which is composed of the following particulars:

Civil list, foreign intercourse, and miscellaneous, \$5,395,292 62  
Army proper, 2,594,735 66  
Fortifications, ordnance, armament, militia, &c., 4,331,809 93  
Pensions, 2,537,100 00  
Indian department, 1,649,791 94  
Naval establishment, 4,902,545 93  
Interest on the public debt, 856,844 72

Which deducted from the total of means before stated gives an estimated balance on 1st July, 1847, of, 4,332,144, 07

\* The sum of \$121,450 of debt assumed for the cities in the District of Columbia; the sum of \$1,000,000 for supplying the deficiency in revenue from the sale of the public lands; and the sum of \$5,395,292 62, are included in the sum of \$5,928,356 25.

## VARIETIES.

The London correspondent of the Boston Atlas says—

Railroad traveling is traveling now-a-days, in England. A system of "Express Trains" has been established, and, by one of these trains, I traveled from Liverpool to London on Friday last. The fare was high for a seat in the first class carriage I paid two pounds seven shillings. To a family traveling this is no joke. For instance, a gentleman who was my fellow passenger, occupied seats in the same carriage as myself. He had to pay for the trip nine pounds eight shillings. A little difference, this between English and American traveling. We left Liverpool at 4 o'clock in the afternoon—stayed ten minutes, to take tea, at Birmingham—and I was snugly ensconced at the Castle and Falcon, Aldgate street, London, at half past six in the morning, and a quarter. On the Great Western line, which is constructed on the broad-gauge principle, the rate of traveling is now sixty-two miles per hour.

**CAPTURE OF A SLAVE.**—The *Barque Mohawk*, Captain Dallard, at Boston, from Zanzibar and St. Helena, reports having left at St. H. Oct. 14th, H. B. M. steamer *Penelope*, which arrived there the day previous from the coast of Africa, having captured a few days before a slave steamer schooner, the *Cacique*, rigged as a three masted schooner, which fitted out at Pernambuco, and was off to coast waiting for 1530 negroes to be got ready for her cargo. On board this slave were four Americans, as crew, and amongst them were four Americans, (two engineers and two stokers). The assistant engineer is now a prisoner on board the *Penelope*, and the other three are on board the *Cacique*, expected immediately at St. Helena, when she will be put into the Vice Admiralty Court for condemnation. The Commanders of the *Penelope* intend to take the four Americans back to the coast and deliver them up to the American Consulate.

The citizens of Richmond, Va., talk earnestly about constructing a Railroad from that place to Dayton or Springfield, Ohio.

**GREAT WESTERN RAILWAY, C. W.**—We learn, from the best authority, that the entire stock of this company has been taken in England by a few of the aristocracy, and that the present English mode of making and furnishing an entire line of 92 miles in 12 months and a few days, by one contracting firm.

The road is to commence at Windsor, opposite Detroit, and pass through London and Hamilton, 190 miles, and then probably be continued to Fort Erie, opposite Buffalo, or to Niagara Falls direct, and pass over a new suspension bridge, just completed, thus uniting the interests of both Buffalo and Rochester. This is a magnificent project, and it will be a fine opportunity to make a first rate investment of capital, and a beautiful display of engineering skill, and of the mechanic arts.—*Railway Journal.*

**HARLEM RAILROAD EXTENSION.**—The work upon this road is now in rapid progress through the county of Westchester, and the company are about to put under contract immediately an additional section of 30 miles, extending through Putnam into the rich valley in the interior of Dutchess.—This will bring the road to a point 53 miles from the city of New York, leaving but 45 or 50 miles to unite with the Albany and West Stockbridge Railroad. A party of Engineers are now engaged in Columbia county, locating this portion of the route. There will be no difficulty in having the whole work under contract next spring.

**THE U. S. SHIP PORTSMOUTH—Remarks.**—The *Sandwich Island* papers give the following account of the passage of the fine new U. S. steamer *Portsmouth*. She sailed from Norfolk January 25th, in company with the U. S. ship *Jacksonville*, (also a new ship) on a trial of speed and qualities, and although somewhat detained by the trial, she crossed the equator in 22 days 5 hours, and anchored in Rio de Janeiro in 33 days. Sailed from Rio, March 9th, passed through the straits of Laine in 12 days, and arrived at Valparaiso on the 29th day, or 62 sailing days, from Norfolk. States, being the shortest passage ever made, even direct. From Valparaiso to Callao 7 days; Callao to Hilo, 28 days. Total from the United States to the Sandwich Islands, via Rio, Valparaiso and Callao, 37 days; undoubtedly the shortest passage on record.

**NAVAL.**—We learn from the Philadelphia U. S. Gazette that the sentence of the Court Martial which tried Captain VON-HEIM, who commanded the frigate Congress, and who was shot at the capture of the *Buenos Ayres* squadron, and who, for going up to Annapolis with his ship, on his return, instead of stopping at Norfolk, according to Commodore Turner's orders—is and is to be dismissed from the service, with a recommendation of the Court to the mercy of the President, who, after consulting his Cabinet, commuted the sentence to five years' suspension, without pay or emolument.

**TO GOON TO BE LOST.**—During a great revival in the New State, which occurred some time since, a vast number were gathered into the fold, who subsequently returned to the error of their ways, thereby inflicting a great injury upon the cause, among this class was a most inveterate punster by the name of Siah Hawkins, who some weeks after his hopeful conversion, was found by one of the deacons of the church to which he belonged in a neighboring grog shop "most gloriously elevated."

"Why, Siah, I am astonished," said the worthy deacon, "didst thou take you into our church a short time since?"

"I believe so," hiccupped Siah, "and between you and (hic) me, I was just a little of the (hic) darndest take in, you ever saw or heard of."

**A SNAKE'S DOG.**—Here is one of the inimitable dog stories of Nashville Telegraph. There is no truth in the story, and it is the most inveterate punster to the name of a "dog story." A man named East had been exceedingly annoyed by wolves, which destroyed his sheep. In the course of time a dog named Siah, was introduced into the flock, which he peculiarly excelled, it was his province as a wolf-hunter. This was touching our friend on the right spot. The bargain was closed, and he was given an opportunity to test his merits.

At length there came a slight snow, and the kind of snow for wolf-hunting, and he took his dog and gun and sallied out. He soon crossed the track of a varmint—the dog took the scent and

bound off in pursuit. On following our friend, up hill and down dale, "through bush and through briar," for two mortal hours, when he came across a Yankee of the live species, chopping wood, and the following satisfactory dialogue took place:

"Did you see a wolf and a dog pass by here?"

"Wall, I reckon I did."

"How long ago?"

"Wall, I guess about half an hour."

"How was it with 'em?"

"Wall, just about in a nut-tack—but the dog had the advantage, for he was a little ahead."

For the *True American*.  
Is Slavery Right?

CAROLINE P. O., Lewis County, Ky.,  
Oct. 28th, 1845.

MR. C. M. CLAY, Editor of the *True American*.  
SIR:—I have been a regular reader of your paper since the issue of the first number. I have found it a fountain of valuable information and interesting truths, truths which should awaken into persevering efforts every energy of the American people, for the removal of slavery; which, like a mighty incubus rests upon our every interest. Many facts and strong appeals are addressed, alike to the Patriotism and Philanthropy of your readers: to their individual interests, their social improvement, political strength and national glory; all of which are moving principles in man.

There is yet another work which may be more fully extended with profit: enlightening and awakening the conscience of your readers.

In the great work of emancipation you will need to bring under contribution the whole man. And this is our sentiment; for in a letter which I received from you some twelve months before the publication of your paper, you remarked "in a work of national reform we expect to employ all means; religious, as well as political."

The importance of a correct and awakened conscience in all great reforms, is too well known to you; to need a suggestion. It is this that has given vigorous and persevering efforts; that has nerved the arm, fired the heart, and emboldened the soul in all great struggles for truth and liberty. It has given potency, as well as permanency to all our nations.

This is also true; a large class, if not all of your subscribers, want to know not only what is true in policy, but what is morally right. Not only whether slavery be contrary to individual, social or national prosperity, but also whether it is morally wrong. This knowledge, in the work of emancipation, will be profitable to both classes of your readers, the non-slaveholder, as well as the slaveholder. So great is the desire for popularity, and the unwillingness to meet opposition, that unless you can make man feel that he owes a duty to his fellow man, the cause of truth and of God; and that unless he moves forward his soul cannot be unspotted from guilt; even the non-slaveholder is apt to "hear slightly" the cries of Patriotism.

With the slaveholder who has hundreds and thousands invested in his slaves, unless you can awaken his conscience, lay the hand upon the soul, and make it tremble for its future and immortal interests, you will find it difficult to convince him that he should make sacrifice of his present interests and "let the oppressed go free." But if you can effectually make the voice of conscience and of God tingle in his ears, together with the cries of patriotism and brotherly humanity, then you may hope for his co-operation.

To aid in the accomplishment of this work, I propose to enquire whether slavery be morally right; and what is our duty concerning it? In doing so I shall take the Bible as the standard of right; and by an examination of its principles and precepts decide whether slavery be right or wrong. I shall do so because; First, the Bible is received by the American people as the standard of truth and right.

Second, whilst many in our land are open to conviction, are honestly and eagerly enquiring for truth, and feel somehow or other that slavery is wrong; yet, from their youth up, they have been taught that the Bible tolerates and even sanctions slavery. Nor is it surprising that casual readers of the Bible should come to such a conclusion, when, as now, in this country and throughout the South, there are ministers by scores who will wink at slavery, and others teach from the sacred desk that the Bible does "sustain" and "sanction" slavery.

Also, Judges of our civil courts, as in this district, in their instructions to Juries, with Bible in hand, tell the people that "God is as much the author of slavery, as he is of the ten commandments." "Added to this, is the fact that reverend fathers and mothers in the church, practise slavery, and almost every church in our State tolerates its existence. But the history of the temperance reform, as well as every other, teaches us that institutions hallowed by time and consecrated by use, may be wrong. Hence, it is lawful to "prove all things." And inasmuch as I am a resident and native of Kentucky, have lived in the midst of slavery all my days, it is lawful for me, as well as others, to question concerning this and all other questions which involve our immediate interests and duties. I propose to do so through the columns of your paper in a series of numbers, and ask the co-operation of pens more able and experienced. The numbers I shall send, are the substance of what I addressed to the people of my native county some ten months since, and more recently to the people of this county, with whom I now labor.

Is then, our system of slavery morally right? If we appeal either to our own national history or to the history of the past, we shall learn that slavery is politically wrong. That it is a curse individually, socially and nationally.

If we appeal to the sense of justice every where planted in the soul of man, we are instinctively told that it is morally wrong.

Those who yet defend slavery or wink at it "wishing" "to justify themselves," make a last appeal to the Bible.

Well, to the Bible let us go: it is the great arbiter of right and wrong; its decisions are final.

We may remark in passing, it will be strange if we shall find in this Bible that the same God who has planted in our bosoms a sense, which universally condemns slavery, should at the same time in his written revelation, give us a standard lower, where planted in the soul of man, we are instinctively told that it is morally wrong.

Let us then, appeal to the Bible, and see what it says concerning slavery.

standard of right lower than his own sense of justice: brings a reproach upon the word of God and places himself in an unenviable position.

Before we can call in the decision of the Bible we must define what is meant by slavery, or what relation constitutes a man a slave.

Much confusion on this subject has arisen, either from the want of definitions, or from those correctly made.

"The term slave," says Dr. Johnson, "is derived from slave or slavonians, who were subdued and sold by the Venetians, signifies, one man, or one sold to a master. Manumission on the same authority is involuntary obligation, slavery. The Latin mancipium from which the word mancipiate is derived, signifies, (1) property, or right of perpetual possession, as lands, servants, &c. (2) a slave."

A slave then is one who is held as property,—deprived of personal ownership, without his consent both before and after he is of age; and that in such a manner that he may acquire nothing, possess nothing, his wife, his family, his church, his country, his God, but with the consent of his master.

"That the slave is thus held, and is not in this relation is proved: 1. By the laws of slave States. "A slave is one who is in the power of a master to whom he belongs. The master may sell him, dispose of his person, his industry, and his labor; he can do nothing, possess nothing, nor acquire anything but what must belong to his master." Code of Louisiana.

"Slaves shall be deemed, sold, taken, and reputed to be chattels personal in the hands of their owners and possessors, their executors, administrators and assigns to all intents, constructions and purposes whatsoever." See laws of South Carolina, Stroud, p. 22.

2. From similarity of tenure with other property, in slave States. What we hold as property we use and dispose off as we please without consulting the will of said property. So the will, interest, happiness or duties of the slave, may be wholly disregarded.

3. From claim of the master. He claims his slave, not as a hireling, child or ward, but as his property.

To prevent confounding the above relation with those which are lawful and necessary, I remark;

1. All who perform involuntary service for others are not slaves; otherwise, unwilling jurors, or those citizens compelled to fight for a season the battles of their country would be slaves. Much error and confusion have arisen from defining slavery to be merely involuntary servitude.

Involuntary servitude is a part of slavery but not the whole of it.

2. All hirelings are not slaves. This relation is, (1) voluntary. (2) For the mutual good of the laborer and employer.

(3) The rights of man as man, are regarded and secured.

3. All apprentices are not slaves. This relation is entered upon only as a bound service during the period of minority in which the law and guardian take the natural and necessary relations of parent and child.

2. For the mutual good of apprentice and master.

3. His rights as man are all the while regarded and secured.

The apprentice is never regarded as in person the property of the master. All the master has, is a claim to his service for the season of minority or term of years.

But, a slave is one who is, (1) The property of another. (2) Without his consent. (3) His natural rights are



Hogs going from Tennessee to Cincinnati.

Several editors who violently oppose emancipation and free labor, wonder at the fact of a drove of fat hogs passing through Frankfort to Cincinnati, Ohio, from Tennessee. Now these hogs after passing some hundreds of miles at a great expense to Cincinnati, are slain, packed, and sent right along side the place whence they started on to the great marts of commerce! So cotton is carried from New Orleans to Louisville—made into coarse negro shirting and sent back to whence it started! Can there be a stronger proof of the advantages of free over slave labor than this? In Louisville you pay about ten cents a head for killing hogs; in Cincinnati the killer pays, on the contrary, the seller ten cents a head for the privilege of killing. Why the difference? In Cincinnati the hair is made into mattresses—the bristles into brushes—the blood into some chemical preparations—the hogs into glue—the fat into lard and oil. In Louisville "Canaan" can't or won't do all these things—hence hogs come from Tennessee, pass Louisville and go on to Cincinnati! And is a man to be mobbed and murdered for seeing these things and crying out against them?

Hogs have almost ceased going over the mountains; we foresee this when we opposed the rail road. They are too poor to buy.

The time is not far distant when hemp will cease to be manufactured in the interior of Kentucky—and perhaps even in the State! Alas our poor slave ridden State!

**Truth, Liberty and Love.**  
We have on our table a pamphlet styled "Heroism of the Democratic Ages," an address by Rev. Bro. Post, of Illinois college, before the Alumni Association of McKendree College, St. Louis 1845. The caption is the golden thread which runs through this spirited address—God defend the right.

**Murder.**  
See the consequence of the overthrow of the civil power of the commonwealth on the 18th of August. Did not the robbers say they would murder the Mayor if he resisted? May not one man as justly murder the constable as sixty? The end is not yet till the laws be vindicated.

**MURDER.**—A few days ago, Mr. John Holton, Constable of Bracken county, while in discharge of his duties as an officer, was stabbed several times and had his throat cut, by James Hamilton, and died almost immediately. Hamilton was arrested and is now in jail to await his trial.

**Ingratitude—The Ass's Kick!**  
One of the greatest trials to which we have ever been subjected, in a somewhat eventful life, is the ingratitude of men whom we have (in what they may call our better days) befriended. We are not the man to reproach any one with favors conferred; such a thing is repugnant to every generous mind. Yet when ridicule is attempted, and insult added to injury, forbearance ceases to be a virtue by giving impunity to crime. We care not for the relentless and uncalled for war, which the editor of the American Democrat has waged, with a bitter vindictiveness for which we know no cause, upon us ever since we were overpowered by a heartless mob; but when he resorts to misrepresentation to show his subserviency to the stronger party, he merits contempt and indignation. If we had gained but one subscriber since our misfortune, a generous mind would have forborne the taunt—if we had gained more, as is the truth, an honest man would have spurned the calumny. When Mr. E. Bryant was turned out of office by Mr. Tyler, homeless, friendless and poor, our bowels of compassion were moved, and we contributed freely our mite out of our pocket to his penny sheet, the "Whig Rally," a page of which we never read, to keep his body and soul together! Now when he sees us robbed of thousands of dollars by a band of mobsters, slandered, and persecuted on all sides without crime—struggling almost single handed against the most powerful and relentless despotism that the world has seen—he comes forward with a mean insinuation, the cowardly shadow of a lie, and gives us the ass's kick!

"Some few weeks since Cassius M. Clay received the name of a new subscriber for the True American from Stanford, Ky., an occurrence so remarkable even in these remarkable times that he publishes his correspondents letter with a great flourish, and announces in the most pompous manner that his 'true edition of the Kentucky one more making slow but steady progress.' The New York Tribune also publishes this letter with a very evident relish to prove to the people of the North that Clay is upheld in his fanciful course by Kentuckians. The Tribune's subscription list in Kentucky (it was large at one time) is about in the same predicament as the True American's and it would be hard to tell which is making the 'slowest' progress. The True American has received one new subscriber in Kentucky during the last two months, while the Tribune, according to its published list, has received four new subscribers during the last five months.

**The Dead Speak.**  
New Hampshire, so long wedded to party, has broken from her allegiance. Whatever else she may do, she has declared that she will not support a pro-slavery man. Twice has WOODBURY sought as a Texas gag law candidate to obtain a seat in Congress, and twice has he been defeated. If New Hampshire is redeemed, is there not cause for hope? Freedom will triumph.

**A Row.**  
Why not? Is not this the doctrine of the day—the strongest takes the stakes? Look at the 18th! This is nothing to it!

**From the Georgetown Herald.**  
The County Court of Franklin county, has refused to obey the mandate of the Court of Appeals in the case of *Gorham vs. Luckett*. Gorham has refused to obey the mandate of the Court of Appeals in the case of *Gorham vs. Luckett*. Gorham was the former Jailor of Franklin county, and was dismissed by the County Court, and

Lockett was appointed his successor. Gorham denied the right of the County Court to discharge him without a judicial investigation, and carried his case before the Court of Appeals, which at its last session decided the case in his favor. Last week the county Court nullified the decision of the Court of Appeals.

**Freedom and Insanity.**  
We believe that we have before somewhere noticed the argument attempted to be drawn from the sixth census in favor of slavery, because it was there proven, from figures, that there were more insane, blind and deaf Blacks among the free, than among the same number of slaves.—Mr. E. Jarvis, of Dorchester, Massachusetts, in a pamphlet now before us, extracted from "The American Journal of the Medical Sciences," printed at Philadelphia 1844, proves conclusively, by a direct reference to many towns in the several States North, that the census is grossly incorrect. Every grade of error; prevails sometimes as many as seven times as many insane Blacks, being reported, as actually existed—all told—same and insane. He concludes, however, with every man acquainted with the incapability of the negro's constitution to stand cold, that a comparison of the Northern free blacks in a cold climate with slaves in a hot climate, where nature has evidently designed them to live, would prove nothing, even if the facts were as stated by the census, which they are not!

Mr. Jarvis then takes up the southern free and slave Blacks, upon the data, that all the slave Blacks are supported at private expense, and that the free fall into the public charge, and forms the following table.

Slave States	Free colored persons	Insane at large	Insane in hospitals	Insane in almshouses	Insane in jails	Insane in other places
Alabama	12,500	1,200	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
Arkansas	10,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
California	15,000	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500
Florida	8,000	800	800	800	800	800
Georgia	18,000	1,800	1,800	1,800	1,800	1,800
Illinois	14,000	1,400	1,400	1,400	1,400	1,400
Indiana	11,000	1,100	1,100	1,100	1,100	1,100
Iowa	9,000	900	900	900	900	900
Kentucky	13,000	1,300	1,300	1,300	1,300	1,300
Mississippi	7,000	700	700	700	700	700
Mo. & N. H.	16,000	1,600	1,600	1,600	1,600	1,600
Ohio	12,000	1,200	1,200	1,200	1,200	1,200
Penn.	10,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
Rhode Is.	6,000	600	600	600	600	600
South Carolina	5,000	500	500	500	500	500
Texas	4,000	400	400	400	400	400
Vermont	3,000	300	300	300	300	300
Virginia	11,000	1,100	1,100	1,100	1,100	1,100
Washington	8,000	800	800	800	800	800
Wisconsin	7,000	700	700	700	700	700
Wyoming	2,000	200	200	200	200	200
Total	198,584	19,858	19,858	19,858	19,858	19,858

From this table it appears that in all the slave States there is one slave in every 1766 insane, and one free Black in every 659 insane. Now there is no force or data of just comparison in any of these tables. All the free Blacks are not supported at public charge. In Kentucky, and we presume in all the slave States, the masters liberating, are bound to maintain the freed man: so that he comes not to the public charge. And then, again, the *old* and *useless* are generally set free; and an accurate census would prove nothing, in comparing the worn out and the miserable, struggling with new life and poverty in old age without vigor or mental self reliance, with young or minor classes of slaves! So if you go to the North, still a difficulty exists: many of the free there have been slaves, and are unfitted by slavery, not by nature, for freedom! Again, who can say whether the sufferings of the body may not be intolerable, whilst the mind is comparatively at ease?—or the mind wrecked with suffering, whilst the body is at ease?—and which of the two is the greater woe, and which first produces madness? And should it turn out that despotism favors mental sanity; and liberty, insanity; what then?—Shall we confine it to the Blacks, or shall a Nicholas take the reins of national control? Many of the most eminent British statesmen went mad. Intelligent foreigners, traveling among us, note that the faces of our people express disquietude, that and whilst we possess more physical comforts than the old monarchies, we seem to be far less mentally happy. It is natural, that where fortune and all offices of honor and profit are open to the lowest individual, that there should be great energy of character, restlessness, and posting in the race. It seems a reproach to a man to be behind in a race, whilst the monarchist consoles himself that he *could win if he was allowed!* The Yankee studies, or labors, for long hours; the German or Frenchman sings, or smokes, or fiddles, when the time of recreation comes. What, then, shall republicanism be given up? By no means. The same reasons would impel us back once more to the savage state. We should think that republics were more subject to insanity—despotisms more liable to idiocy. The one loses mind, at intervals, through over wrought action of the brain—the other falls into stupidity, through inaction and original want of brain!

But it is time every where to cease talking about the Blacks—the great question is now, whether African slavery shall be destroyed, or American liberty be lost!

**He Cometh.**  
Where is the difference? Can this man see beyond the end of his nose? He approved of the mob of the 18th, which promised if necessary to murder James Lougee Mayor of the city of Lexington, and posse and now when a similar deed is done his eyes are turned up! Fudge!

**Desperate Affairs—Murder!!**  
We learn from a letter from Brookville the county seat of Bracken county of this State, that on the 24th of November, James Hamilton, killed Holton the acting Sheriff of that county. The circumstances attending the bloody and melodramatic affair are as detailed to us. Holton (the Sheriff) had two executions on Hamilton, one for a fine and another for debt. Hamilton was asked to satisfy them, when he drew from his bosom a large butcher knife, and made two desperate attacks at Holton. The first blow, he struck with the knife in the abdomen, the second was immediately below the left

ear. The last blow went through between the jaw and neck bone, severing the artery of the neck, and passing on into the windpipe. Holton fell and expired immediately.

The deed was certainly a heart rending one; but as Hamilton has been committed for further trial we shall withhold any comment that our feelings might prompt us to make. The law in all cases should be faithfully executed; but at the same time every one is entitled to a calm and impartial trial.

**Janus Face.**  
If "constitutional legal liberty" were a gem of such estimable price, where were these dainty spoken men when it was trampled into the mire on the 18th of August, 1845? Because we would not betray the liberty of the press and quietly submit to its slave despotism which we well knew slumbered with its Cereberian heads and Cyclopean strength in every valley and on every hill top south of Mason's and Dixon's line; the whig was ready to denounce us as being of that egotistical class of conceited madcaps, who press into the first ranks of every cause and injure it by their rashness! How dare he now to come forward and find every thing lovely and glorious in Hampden's laying down his life for "constitutional liberty?" Is not this rank incendiarianism—will not the slave-holders of Virginia taste of his blood?

Mr. RIVES and HAMPDEN SYDNEY.—In pursuance of an invitation of the Trustees of Hampden-Sydney College, in Virginia, a Discourse was pronounced by the Hon. William C. Rives at that College on the 12th instant, before the Trustees, Faculty, and Students, on the "Character and Services of John Hampden, and the great struggle for popular and constitutional liberty in his time."

Of this address the Richmond Whig speaks in terms of, we doubt not, well-deserved eulogy, as follows:—"To those who are imbued with just conceptions of the origin, progress, and successful establishment by the Grand Rebellion in England in 1642, and the Revolution in 1688, and by the American Revolution, of popular privilege and constitutional legal liberty, the struggle in which he lost his life in Chalgrove field, is far the most important period of man's history, and John Hampden the most interesting of all political personages, not excepting Washington himself, of history."

But let us not anticipate Mr. Rives. We have read and re-read the discourse, and are convinced that he has truly estimated the character and services of Hampden to the human race, and the influence which his name and his glorious coadjutors, Milton, Pym, Vane, Elliot, Fienes, Hollis, and many another illustrious votary of republican constitutional liberty, exerted upon the destinies of mankind and the direction of modern civilization. John Hampden has found in Mr. Rives what he had hardly found before, except among his contemporaries, or Mr. Macaulay, or Lord Nugent, one capable of appreciating as well as celebrating his shining virtues, his profound sagacity, and unequalled abilities and services.—Take him altogether, England has never produced so great a man."

**Europe.**  
The Cambria, at Boston, brings fifteen days later news from England.

Commercially her news will damp the price of flour. There was no decided change in the general state of the markets. Cotton had revived somewhat, but the aggregate of sales was small. The grain market was without animation, and the reports as to the scarcity very much exaggerated. The ports of England have not been opened, and probably will not be.

The railroad mania had subsided. The effect of this was to create a general distrust, as almost all classes had engaged in it. But beyond this, from the best lights we can obtain, no monied panic will occur. Interest had declined; the rates were two per cent. to three and a half per cent. The Bank of England charged three and a half per cent.; if it should charge more, as it probably will, it will be for the purpose of stopping the railroad speculations.

The papers in England show a strong excitement against the United States as regards Oregon. Government was evidently making vigorous preparations for war, and the sentiment seems to prevail that the question should be brought to decision without further delay. Intelligent Americans just from England thought the President's Message would increase public excitement there, and embarrass the pacific settlement of the dispute.

**Mason County Meeting.**  
Our friends of Mason mean to make themselves conspicuous. Let them be careful that they do not go too far! Even the old men among them may learn a lesson which they will remember in bitterness and in sorrow;—we know the younger ones will.

It is not very difficult to get up a denunciatory meeting, especially where *slavery* is concerned. But what then? Time glides away, and the hour comes when men wonder that any human beings could be so crazy—so regardless of principle—so neglectful of right feeling, as to do such monstrous wrong. Mark!—Eight years ago and a gag law in Congress could command a majority of the voters of the free States. Now few dare vote for it! Only let the culminating point of wrong be reached—only let the heart be left to beat naturally and freely, and the shut eye begins to be opened—and man's inhumanity to man, in any form, will be damned with burning curses by every lip. We to the memory of those, then, of whom it shall be said, in the day of freedom, "Ye were the advocates of slavery!"

But if it be not difficult to denounce, it is still less difficult to swim with the current. One has only to keep still, and he will be borne along without cross or delay. And if he chooses to be notorious—to throw up his cap and shout huzza!—to lead—nothing is easier. Out-mouth the biggest brawler—brag bolder than the boldest, and the thing is accomplished. But don't look ahead. Content yourself with your present glory. For the day will be, when the wrong you do yourself and your country, will be known and noted, and then men will scoff at your conduct, and denounce you as mean and base. Turn again to the page of history. Time was when the slave-trade was held honorable and fair, because it was lucrative; yet who can speak of it other than in terms of horror and indignation? Time was, too, when slavery, in some of the free States, was regarded a "good thing;" yet who in them hesitates at pronouncing it the blackest

curse? And so will it be in Kentucky. Let men who wear laurels now for being the patriotic defenders of this institution, bear in mind that *hereafter* they may bloom only as a chaplet of infamy.

We can pardon much to settled prejudices and confirmed habits. We can pity, and even sympathize, with old slaveholders who will not discuss or examine the question of slavery. But the young man—full of hope—of quick blood, and fresh feeling—ardent—aspiring—bold—what must we say, or think, when we see him degrading human wrong, and standing up for slavery? Him, too, we pity. For he is bartering away for popularity—for a fleeting notoriety—for a bubble, empty and vapory—a clear conscience—the nobler sentiments of his heart—and all that makes character valuable or permanent. And what sight can be more pitiable? What lot more wretched? Alas! for the young who thus degrade themselves!

But our Mason friends (see their resolutions), have *their* day. If that content them, so be it. We shall not quarrel with them for the position they have taken, or for their misrepresentation of us personally. Time will cure all. It will be just to them and to us. We ask no more, and only wish they could demand less.

**Education.**  
We discuss this subject often; some of our readers may think too often; but its importance is so vital to freedom—the necessity of urging it is so pressing—that we seize every fit occasion to make it a public theme. Are we wrong? Let us see.

The uneducated—the ignorant man—what is he? Cover him over with the golden dust of mammon; let pleasure drag his lips with her sensual cups; bind his brows with the garlands of place and popularity; yet, if the light of the soul be dim, and dull, and cold, he is a poor degraded thing, bearing the form of manhood, without possessing one of manhood's virtues.

And the Government controlled by uneducated—ignorant men—what is it?—Constitute it after the choicest models; let it be most excellent; nay, make it the best; yet, if there be wanting virtue and intelligence on the part of the people, it will sink down amid corruption, and become the pander to base appetites, and the means of gratifying the lowest selfishness. Its foundation is built on sand, and the very rocking of the winds will totter it to its fall.

Men look sometimes—nay, generally, to the constitution of our country, as if that had some inherent power to perpetuate our liberties, and make the Union stable. It is a tower of strength. As a barrier against outward encroachments, and as a center of inward strength, it has already beaten back corrupt assaults, and trodden down revolutionary foes. But year after year, these assaults and foes have multiplied, and corruption increased, until this barrier has been overleaped, and its most sacred safeguards despoiled. The spirit of the day tells this plainly enough. For what can stand against the will of party? Its sway is omnipotent. It rides over the constitution as if it were a thing of shreds and patches, and the people—those most interested in maintaining it inviolate—shout their huzzas for the men who do it. And *where must all this end?* If unchecked, necessarily in the destruction of the constitution, and the downfall of the Union.

Our form of Government, with all its defects, is, in our estimation, the best the world has ever known, and the constitution, under which we live is by two centuries, at least, in advance of the intelligence of our people. We know not the greatness of the virtues of either of them. They were made by pure men for a pure people. They were set in motion by patriots who hoped that patriots would ever direct them. And so long as love for the Union burned in the public mind as a central fire—so long as the sentiments and influences of the revolution clung round the public heart, and controlled it—so long had we peace and content among the people, and purity and fitness in their rulers. But this love of the Union has become a matter of calculation, and the sentiments and influences of the past have died out. We stand upon new ground.—New men are ruling us, and a new set of influences springing up with them, to master the public mind. We are to look now—not to the merits of our Government, or the excellence of our constitution—but to the capability of the people to understand both, in letter and spirit—and to see that both are faithfully administered and observed—to create that sort of public opinion—and public virtue which shall make it moral treason to do, or attempt any thing contrary to the public welfare.—This is our task. To meet it, and solve it, the duty of this, and the coming generation.

Are we prepared? Are the people, as a whole, ready to meet the mighty responsibilities which rest upon them? Not at all! They are groping in the dark. *Here* the tools of demagogues; *there* the blown-up bladders of selfish speculators; everywhere the play-things, in part, of scheming politicians, they are anything but prepared to guard the freedom secured to them by law, or to protect from assault the constitution which gives and guarantees to them their liberties. We know full well that they mean well, and think often they do right; and that their purity of aim has saved us so far from fouler perpetrations of wrong and injustice, and a wider and quicker spread of political corruption. But we know, also, that they uphold lawlessness—that they encourage and take part in mobs—that they wink at gross violations of the national constitution, and justify the perversion of State authority for the worst of party ends; that they are in spirit partisans, and in their

earnestness to triumph over opponents, are ready to tread down the law itself. What more does ambition ask? What more does soaring selfishness seek? This condition of the public mind is the sun-shine in which demagoguism loves to bask, and sport in, as with some holy plea, or under some pious or patriotic pretext, it spices the appetite, and enflames the passions of the people, to serve its own degraded ends.

What is to be done? How are we to guard the people against these dangers, and prepare them to act the part of freemen? Educate! Educate! Our hope rests upon education. Our political existence depends upon it. All other means are secondary, and unless we ply it industriously and wisely, the Republic will not endure.

The great question of the day then is—by what means shall we secure the spread of universal education? From the very ignorant we have nothing to hope. They may feel their wants; a few of them may be sensitive enough, from this cause, to send their children to school, if such a thing be practicable; but, as a body, they know but little, and can do but little, on this subject. As the tree falls, so will it lie. For them, and for theirs, there is no hope, unless others better informed, and of greater influence, come to their rescue. Parent and child, without this, must ever remain in the darkest ignorance.

And the class above them—they who have something at stake in the community—and some consideration in their own neighborhoods—what have they done—what are they doing—for education? Literally nothing. They may provide better for their children; we dare say they often employ for the winter, or for the summer, some strolling man, who having failed in every other business, as a last alternative, proclaims himself a schoolmaster. But this is all they can do. Uneducated themselves, they cannot understand what is necessary for their children; they suppose they have done enough for them, if they send them to school, whether the teacher be fit or not. But as for the children of the ignorant around them, what think or care they? They have enough to do to take care of their *own*; and would regard that man a fool, if not "a fanatic," who should propose, by voluntary subscription, to raise funds, and build school-houses, wherein all, of every grade, could receive the benefits of a good education. There are noble exceptions, unquestionably, in both these classes—men in ragged attire and with no means, and men with common garb and small property, whose hands would be open to the last cent; but the great majority are as we have described them—not because they are mean—but because they know not what to do.

Turn we now to what may be termed the upper classes—and do we see in them a wiser, and better spirit? We may not say so, and speak the truth. They are engaged with schemes of individual interest; their time, their attention, and their talents are absorbed in a hot pursuit after them; the main chance engages their whole soul; and unless pestilence walks before their eyes, or startling danger threatens their persons or their property, they dream not of the obligations they owe themselves, their fellow men, or their God, on this all important subject. Take as an example any county in Kentucky, of ordinary intelligence. There are in it, surely, an hundred citizens who are out of debt, and who are worth from five to twenty thousand dollars. Now suppose these hundred citizens were united in their determination to awaken a general interest on the subject of education, and to plant a school-house in every neighborhood in that county, could they not do it? No man who reasons on the matter can doubt it. Alas! there are no banner counties in this cause. That in which every man is interested—which should stand first with the individual and the public—we find the most important question of our day, is neglected everywhere. And this the whole spirit of society illustrates well. Let there be a "hanging to come off" in any county, and see what myriads of men, women and children, will turn out to witness the death-throes of some victim of ignorance and crime!—They stand thick around the gallows for whole hours, and will come from far distant knobs, and d'glens, and valleys, and out of the way places, to see the execution. Behold, again, the stir, and parade, and the ingatherings of the people, when a military display is to be made. A sham fight seems to be their beau-ideal of great things—the shadow of the glory won amid heat, and dust, and blood, on the battle field! Or watch, once more, the busy activity of political partisans, when conventions of the people are to be called to make ready for political strife. Flaming hand-bills are scattered in every direction; patriotic appeals are made by papers and on the stump, to all to "rally," and youth, with its hot blood, and manhood, with its sober enthusiasm, volunteer to ride to distant neighborhoods to stir up the voters. And they come. Like a stream they pour into city, or town, and talk and act, on convention days, as if the fate of the nation hung upon their doings. But call a meeting for educational purposes, and where are these masses then? Where the volunteer riders to stir up the people? If fifty are gathered together upon an educational call, it is held to be a good meeting—if an hundred, encouraging and most respectable—if over that, great!

And if we look at our governments, National and State, we shall see how little, comparatively speaking, they have done for education. The new account of the registry of the U. States says, that during the fifty six years of our federal government, the entire expenditures of that government, have been a little under *one thousand millions of dollars*. And how has it been appropriated? Mark!

For the Military service  
"Naval do  
"Pensions  
Interest on Public Debt

Total

The balance has been expended as follows:  
Principal and Revolutionary debts  
claims, (est.) nearly  
Civil List  
Foreign Intercourse  
Indian Department  
Miscellaneous

Total

\*Including pay nearly  
\*Including pay for Indian Lands.  
\*Including, we presume, the purchase of Louisiana.

What a picture does this table present!

Nearly seven hundred millions of dollars directly for the cost of war! Add to this the destruction of life and property—the injury to commerce and industry, by war, and what an amount, during these fifty-six years of almost entire peace, would the sum total be! Suppose the sum had been appropriated for educational purposes—suppose it had been spent in erecting school houses, and preparing school-masters, and spreading a true knowledge of rational liberty—who can doubt but that the nation would have been happier, wiser, and stronger, and that the Union would have been made thereby firm and rock-bound on its basis? Be it that, in part, this sum was required for the national defense—if so, we grudge not a cent of it—but the people who could pay such an amount of money for war purposes, surely ought to be willing, and able, to contribute a tenth part of that amount to education.—But it has not been done. Will it be? Not unless the enlightened and the generous—the humane and patriotic—looking abroad to the real wants and interests of the country—unite together, and demand it. We call upon our legislators to devote themselves to this cause; we ask them to infuse into it some of the zeal which they manifest for party; we invoke the clergy to consider themselves missionaries in it; we appeal, especially, to those of them who are of the people and among them to lecture, write, and talk about it with them, until they are made to feel its importance; we entreat the educated and the liberal, summoning up all their disinterestedness and enthusiasm, to labor, in season and out of season, for the means of universal instruction; and we implore the ignorant, who know their wants, and can tell of them—who understand what their children must be, if they are not helped—to speak out, all rude and coarse as their language may be, in the heart's eloquence, for light and for liberty to all! Let the public mind be quickened and roused.

Kentucky must do something on this subject. Virginia is all alive to it. She feels the languishment and decay which are rotting her energy and her spirit, and *knows* that without education—without universal education—the old commonwealth must sink irretrievably in character and power and wealth. We are younger. We have a fresher soil—but not as great natural resources, wonderful as ours are, in their extent. Like causes will produce like results; if, therefore, we stand as we do, Kentucky will be, as Virginia is, in the course of a few years! Listen, if we are not to be heeded, to the eloquent and solemn pleading of Governor McDowell, in his Message to the Legislature of the Old Dominion, on this momentous question. He says:—

If Virginia would retain the masses of her people who are crowding into other States, and thus save for her own power, the youth, enterprise and wealth, which she is annually giving up to the power of others, she must so direct the administration of her government as to make it the interest, as far as it can be done, to prevent them from leaving. All that is necessary to accomplish this purpose cannot indeed be done by the government, but what can be done ought to be done. The emigration which is so fast increasing, and which is so vital a degree must if possible be stopped, and this, so far as that emigration depends upon internal causes, and therefore within the reach of positive control, the government can co-operate, and is bound to co-operate in effecting. And that it is within the reach, to a most avail extent, of such control, is evident from the fact, that the cases which generally oppress the condition of a people and drive them from their native land to some other as a necessary process of national or personal belief have scarcely even a conceivable existence or operation here. We have no territory, no land of further settlement or subdivision, no population pressing on the limits of subsistence,—no capital and business so concentrated in a few hands as to place the great body of the people under their command;—we have none of these causes of hardship, dependence or poverty for which emigration offers, wherever they are found the most obvious and decided benefit to the development and activity. Still our people abandon us. Some to withdraw from a slave-holding community; some to make a profitable application of the slave-labor to the staple products of other states; some to avoid associations which time and changes have rendered painful; some to retire upon their own resources, to engage in business, and others that they may escape the most stirring scenes and persecute the purposes of life in the midst of excitement, and change and adventure. These make up a moving class of people whose culture and rights are dependent upon the policy of the state, and whom, therefore, we may not by any change in this policy expect to retain.

But there is another and very numerous class who are influenced by none of the considerations suggested: a hard working provident and valuable class, who are attached to their homes, and to all the usages, laws, and associations which surround them, but who are obliged, nevertheless, to abandon them all under the stern requirements of duty to themselves and to their families. Without any adequate market near them, and their labor absorbed in the expense of exchange, and the expense itself is so irreducible by any economy or prudence of the state, the only alternative left them is to toil on in comparative poverty, or to go elsewhere, where their exertions can be turned to wiser and better account. However natural and proper for citizens thus situated to do this, it is neither the one nor the other for the state passively to allow it. She is the final sufferer of every loss which emigration can involve, and she too is the one who is entitled to prevent the loss whenever it arises from general obstructions to labor, which private are not adapted nor sufficient to remove. Let the obstructions which have paralyzed the labor—disrupted the peace—prevented the education—interdicted the intercourse—lowered the moral and social advantages—so large a portion of our people—let them but continue, and the ruinous depopulation and impoverishment now at work, will go on with accumulating force until she will be rendered powerless for the vigorous measures which her restoration will require. Unless Virginia, therefore, is ready to submit herself to the unmitigated evil of such a result, and forgetting all her security and her renown, and willing to drag on in a downward career of languishment and decay, let her put forth her power and remove at once the obstructions which are so overwhelping to her people, and she shall enable the great mass of them to find as eligible a home within their native borders as anywhere beyond them. She cannot, indeed, by any ex-

\$256,998,557  
179,933,134  
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42,594,555  
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42,803,468  
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ertion at policy of hers, take from other states any advantages of residences which are peculiar to them, but she can check the emigrating spirit, and movement of her people, by raising up kindred and equivalent advantages of her own. To this end, and as one aid to the surest and most indispensable of all the means of obtaining it, let the legislature revise, amend and enlarge our system of education.

**Hurra for Bluff on.**  
The *Bluffon Boys* are the extreme ultras of South Carolina. On receipt of Mr. CALHOUN's Memphis speech at Columbia, they took fire and swore they would "birch" him. Resolutions were prepared. But the majority hushed these boys up, and the "great unwhipped" escaped a "lath-ering."

But they are pothered terribly—these Carolina Legislators! They don't know how to understand Mr. CALHOUN; *Puck* was never a greater mystery. They are for him; will sustain him; but as for swallowing the Mississippi, or converting it into an inland sea, they can't do it, and swear they won't. Very doubtful!

What has added to the perplexity of the Carolina Legislators, and the Bluffon Boys especially, was that *two* reports of Mr. C.'s speech were before them—one "giving up everything to the national government"—the other "qualifying" his views. They took the latter, and, as one of them said, "we go for the man any how!"—But these two reports! Mark that; we predict one will do for the *West*, and the other stick to the South. If so, well. What are great interests but means for great men to rise upon, or what are the people good for but to sustain these great men?

The Charleston (S. C.) Courier correspondent at Columbia writes as follows:—"There is nothing of political interest here at present. Some gentlemen were under the impression, yesterday, that Mr. CALHOUN, in his speech at the Memphis Convention, had abandoned the ground he had previously occupied in subject of internal improvements. This rumor produced considerable excitement and astonishment, and the matter was rather prematurely mooted yesterday in the House of Representatives. Many gentlemen seemed anxious to speak on the occasion, and there was a prospect of some commotion of the political elements. Happily, however, the discussion was stayed off by a large majority, for in the evening, a correct copy of Mr. CALHOUN's speech reached us in the Charleston *Mercury*, from which it appeared, that that distinguished and long and well tried statesman, had not abandoned his previous position, and that a series of resolutions from being introduced to-day into the Senate, which would have been calculated to raise a storm in that usually tranquil and dignified body."

**Postage.**  
An effort will be made to increase the Postage Tax. We hope it will not succeed. The experiment of cheap postage has not been fairly tried. What is five months test? Let us have cheap postage for three years—let franking privileges be taken away, and other needful reforms made, and our word for it, it will pay. There should be no tax on the spread of knowledge and the very lightest one on letters, and



be recalled, in consequence of his rejection of the proposition of our Government. The truth of this report, as well as of the opinion of the Intelligence, a few months will settle.

#### The Gag.

We gave the vote in the House of Representatives on the famous gag rule last week. Below will be found a classification of it.

Ayes.	Noes.	Absent.
1	2	1
New Hampshire,	1	2
Maine,	1	2
Vermont,	1	2
Massachusetts,	1	2
Rhode Island,	1	2
Connecticut,	1	2
New York,	1	2
New Jersey,	1	2
Pennsylvania,	1	2
Ohio,	1	2
Indiana,	1	2
Illinois,	1	2
Michigan,	1	2
Delaware,	1	2
Maryland,	1	2
Virginia,	1	2
North Carolina,	1	2
South Carolina,	1	2
Georgia,	1	2
Florida,	1	2
Alabama,	1	2
Mississippi,	1	2
Louisiana,	1	2
Tennessee,	1	2
Kentucky,	1	2
Arkansas,	1	2
Missouri,	1	2
Democrat from Free States,	11	57
Democrat from Slave States,	86	0
Whigs from Free States,	0	57
Whigs from Slave States,	17	7

Four vacancies, and the Speaker not voting. The following are the names of the members from the free States voting for the Gag. Mark them!

New Hampshire, NORRIS, C. J. Ingersoll, McClean, Wilcox.

Michigan, Chipman.

Illinois, Douglass, Ficklin, Hoge, McClelland.

Ohio, FARAN.

New Hampshire only one! Ohio one! Illinois all! Mark our prediction. NORRIS, of N. Hampshire, and FARAN, of Ohio will fall. The Democracy in these States, can never submit to be represented by men who, in their bastard love of slavery, and their servile fawning upon Slaveholders, have so disgraced their name and place. Cowardice, so mean—perjury, so palpable—a desecration of freedom and human rights, so infamous—must awaken the burning contempt of every honest voter. The south—tricked to as it is—despises, and would spit upon these men, as it would upon the vilest cur, if it had not use for them. As for Illinois—let her bear her name—the standard bearer of the Slaveholders among the Free—until she shakes off the vampire crew that are sucking from her every principle of political life.

Kentucky has done well. Three nays! Another thing. The gag is put down. What say Southern members? How talk the members from Bluffton? Silent as the grave! No threats—no denunciation—No nullification. They roar gently as any sucking dove. Was it so always? In '35 "disunion would follow, if the gag was not enforced"—in '38 "the whole South would fly off if they were touched"—in '40 "—42 it was 'the measure of safety.' Yet now it is voted upon—and rejected without noise, or even protest, from the South!—And why? Because it was from the beginning a political measure to defeat the Whigs—especially to put down HENRY CLAY—and to get in Texas, and having answered its ends, a mock burial is had and mock mourning put on, to deck its old friends in a seeming decency of consistency and grief! If it were not so, think you, the gag would have been so quietly yielded up? The men who have used it, like the strong horse that seizes the bit, heed not distance, or difficulty, where political power based upon slavery is in danger, and, least of all, would they do this, when they are, as now, in the ascendancy.

The poor Southern Whigs who voted for the Gag! They were the hired mourners, and "licked" into it at that! The Democrats went into the measure as a matter of bargain and trade—they "calculated" and succeeded. But the Whigs were driven into a support of the Gag, and then beaten through the storm it raised North and South—North, by increasing anti-slavery feeling—South, by tightening the pro-slavery interest. A little bravery—a little honesty—would have prevented this result; but the poor fellows had it not on this question; and they fell as they will ever fall, when sacrificing justice and rights so unmanfully.

Important from South America.

By the Barque Chanceller, Capt. Beavens, the N. Y. Herald has received Buenos Ayres dates to the 23d of September.

"On the 21st of September, two days before the Chanceller sailed, the commanding officers of the English and French squadrons, posted a bulletin in the commercial press in Buenos Ayres, declaring that port, and all others belonging to the republic, under blockade after the 24th; and that all vessels arriving after that date should be ordered off, and all neutral vessels in port should have fifteen days, it would be impossible for the ships to port, eleven of which were Americans, to load, for the decree that Rosas had issued a fortnight previous, compelled all the inhabitants to fill from 4 to 6 P. M., which lessened the hours of labor after the Custom House closes in the afternoon.

Important from Buenos Ayres.—The Post Blockaded.

A friend has obligingly furnished the N. York Tribune with the following extract of a letter, received by the bark Chanceller, dated

Buenos Ayres, Sept. 10th 1845.

You will see by our papers that this country is in a sad state at this time. Business is dead; confidence destroyed; the currency of the country has depreciated 25 per cent, and is falling in value; loss to all who have outstanding debts, particularly to the foreign merchants, and the English most of all, for they are the principal creditors. Since the scandalous capture of the Buenos Ayres fleet, by the English and French forces, all intercourse with their men-of-war is prohibited, though they come and lie in our "outer roads." All the militia of this city and province is put under arms, and five days in the week (Saturdays and Sundays excepted) are ordered out for drill from 4 o'clock P. M. till sunset. During this time all business is suspended—not a shop, store, or office of any kind, will you see open. The panic among foreigners has passed away, and they generally feel safe as to their persons, even in the interior. Many believe that we shall have another blockade, and as, years will pass before difficulties are settled; as it is, the probability is very small of any speedy arrangement. Meantime nearly all who are dependent upon their labor are beginning to suffer privations at least. All this grows out of the un-

just and inequitable course of the English and French squadrons, and the blockade of the ports. As might be expected, all the friends of the present government—and they are the great mass of the citizens—people—much embittered against foreigners generally, and were they permitted would soon rid the country of a few hundred of them. So far, however, no violence has been committed, and the multitude is very quiet, quite as peacefully and respectfully towards us as we could expect.

P. S. 23d.—Our port is blockaded, to take effect from 4 o'clock this day. Fifteen days only are allowed for vessels to depart. For two years at least we shall be shut up. Our glorious stars and stripes have just been cordially greeted by the battery. The Bainsbury has arrived, and I hope will keep up a communication between us and the outside world.

#### CONGRESSIONAL PROCEEDINGS.

WASHINGTON, Wednesday, Dec. 3.

Senate.

A resolution calling for information relating to claims arising under Dancing Rabbit Creek Treaty, was adopted.

Mr. Allen's motion to print 25,000 copies of the President's Message and the accompanying documents relating to Oregon, was adopted.

Mr. Spaight offered a resolution relative to building a fort on Ship Island, in the Mississippi river. Senate adjourned early.

House.

Mr. Bayly's proposition to go into the election of printer, carried—ayes 128, noes, 63.

Mr. Bayly nominated Ritchie & Heiss, of the Union.

Mr. Davis nominated Jefferson & Co., practical printers.

Mr. Foot nominated Jesse E. Dow & Co., U. S. Journal.

The vote stood as follows: Whole number 369.

For Ritchie & Heiss, 123.

For Jesse E. Dow & Co., 69.

For Gales & Seaton, 4.

For Jefferson & Co., 2.

Messrs. Ritchie & Heiss were declared elected.

On motion, Rufus Lane, of Kentucky, was then declared elected Sergeant-at-Arms; and Chas. S. Whitney, of Illinois, Door-keeper.

On motion, the House proceeded to the election of a Postmaster.

Mr. Bayly nominated John M. Johnson, of Alexandria.

Mr. Bouldin nominated Robt Bronough, of Missouri.

Mr. Collom nominated A. F. Campbell, of Tennessee.

Mr. Holmes nominated Wm. J. McCormick, of District of Columbia.

The election resulted as follows: Whole number of votes 199.

For Johnson, (elected), 167.

For McCormick, 71.

For Bronough, 21.

For Campbell, 5.

On motion the House adjourned.

WASHINGTON, Thursday, Dec. 4.

Senate.

A communication was read from the Secretary of War.

Mr. Breese called up his resolution proposing that the Vice President appoint the committees. It was lost. Ayes 20, Noes 21.

Senate adjourned over to Monday.

House.

Mr. Cobb called up his resolution proposing that the seats of members be chosen by lot, and that the Clerk should draw for the members—carried. The "lottery scene" was an amusing one. John Q. Adams was the name called; but through the courtesy of the House no one chose his usual seat. This business ended, the House proceeded with its business. A debate ensued on a motion to print 20,000 copies of the President's Message, but the House adjourned before taking final action upon it.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.

Messrs. Berrien, Pennypacker, Barrow, and Dickinson appeared in their seats.

The President laid before the Senate reports from the various departments—Mr. Benton a memorial from Oregon praying for a provisional Government. A motion was made to postpone till to-morrow the election of committees and officers—upon this there was debate, and in the midst of it the Senate adjourned.

The House.—Standing Committees were announced as follows:

Committee on Elections.—Messrs. Hamlin, Angus, A. Chalmers, Harper, Chase, Dobbin, Ellisworth, McGaughey, Chipman, and Culver.

Committee on Ways and Means.—Messrs. McKay, Dromgoole, Joseph R. Ingersoll, Hungerford, G. S. Houston, Winthrop, Norris, Vinton, and Seaborn Jones.

Committee on Claims.—Messrs. Vance, Daniel, Hoge, Stephens, Gordon, Pollock, Ligon, Leake, and John A. Rockwell.

Committee on Commerce.—Messrs. McClelland, Tibbatts, Wentworth, Simpson, Grinnell, Lawrence, Giles, Levin, and Tibbodeaux.

Committee on Public Lands.—Messrs. McClelland, Tibbatts, Wentworth, Simpson, Grinnell, Lawrence, Giles, Levin, and Tibbodeaux.

Committee on Mileage.—Messrs. John P. Martin, Severance, Healey, McDowell and James Thompson.

Committee on Expenditures in the State Department.—Messrs. Strong, J. H. Campbell, Crozier, Eder, and J. H. Johnson.

Committee on Expenditures in the Treasury Department.—Messrs. Seaton, White, E. W. Hubbard, McGraw, and Root.

Committee on Expenditures in the War Department.—Messrs. Leib, Woodruff, Crozier, Price, and J. Rockwell.

Committee on Expenditures in the Navy Department.—Messrs. Collins, Fries, Blanchard, Long, and Moulton.

Committee on Engineering.—Messrs. Yost, Perry, and Cooke.

Notice of various bills were given and reports from departments laid before the House.

The contested election from Florida came up. Mr. Hunter moved to refer it to the Committee on Election, with instructions to report as to the fact, whether Mr. Brockenbrough had not received a majority of votes &c.—Garret Davis opposed instructing, with ability and effect; other gentlemen followed on the same side. The House refused to instruct. The subject of contested elections was then referred to the Committee.

The House then adjourned.

TUESDAY, Dec. 9th.

The Senate proceeded to the election of officers. Mr. Dickinson was elected Secretary. Mr. Robert Veal, Door-keeper—Mr. Holland, Assistant Door-keeper.

Committees of the Senate were elected. The following gentlemen were chosen chairmen:

Finance.—Mr. Calhoun.

Commerce.—Mr. Heywood.

Manufactures.—Mr. Dickinson.

Agriculture.—Mr. Sturgin.

Military affairs.—Mr. Benton.

Militia.—Mr. Atchison.

Naval affairs.—Mr. Fairfield.

Public lands.—Mr. Breese.

Private land claims.—Mr. Levy.

Indian affairs.—Mr. Sevier.

Claims.—Mr. Bagby.

Revolutionary Claims.—Mr. Semple.

Judiciary.—Mr. Ashly.

Ten other chairmen are to be elected—the Senate adjourned.

House.—Questions relating to public printing were referred, and a reference of the President's Message to appropriate Committees made. Mr. Stewart spoke on the subject of the Tariff.

The House seemed to be in good humor—General Davis moved to know what was meant by reference relative to inland seas. Mr. Douglass said he did not know—he had simply used language in accordance with the terms of the Message, and asked if the gentleman was satisfied. Certainly, said Mr. Davis, I am satisfied that the gentleman has used terms without understanding what they meant. Mr. Adams disposed of a number of remonstrances against annexation and slavery.

The President sent in a communication containing duplicate copies of the Constitution formed by the deputies of the people of Texas in convention assembled.—The House adjourned.

Dec. 10th, 1845.

Senate.—Mr. Levy introduced a bill to establish Courts of the U. S. States, &c., in Florida—Mr. M. Clayton for the completion of the Delaware Break-water and erecting forts at the Break-water and on Peapack island—Mr. Woodbridge for the completion of certain public works in the State of Michigan and to apply certain alternate sections of the public domain there—Mr. Hannigan to continue the Cumberland road in the State of Ohio, Indiana and Illinois—Mr. Dix to authorize the Secretary of the treasury to compromise with the Sureties of Samuel Swartworth. These bills were read and referred.

Mr. Lewis introduced a bill for the admission of Texas into the Union. Referred to the judiciary committee.

A message was received from the President of the U. S. States transmitting information relative to the expediency of erecting a fort on Ship Island. Referred to Committee on military affairs.

The Senate then proceeded to ballot for Chairmen of Committees not elected yesterday, with the following result:

Post Office and Post Roads—Niles, 27, Barrow 16.

Reads and Canals—Hannegan 27, Corwin 17.

Pensions—Upham 42.

District of Columbia—Haywood 26, Miller 16.

Patents and Patent Office—Cameron 27, Johnson, Md., 16.

Contingent Expenses—Niles 24, Greene 16.

Public Buildings—Cameron 27, Dayton 16.

Printing—Atherton 25, Upham 14.

Retrenchment—Lewis 25, Morehead 15.

Territories—Westcott 26, Bagby 7.

Engrossed Bills—Chalmers 25, Jamison 2.

Some difficulty then arose as to the election of the balance of the members of the Committees, which ended in the choice of the following gentleman for

Foreign Affairs.—Messrs. Allen, Atherton, Cass, Sevier and Archer.

Finance Committee.—Messrs. Calhoun, Benton, Evans, Lewis, and Jenness.

The House then passed a joint resolution to elect two chaplains of different denominations. Pettit of Indiana figured as usual.

Mr. Adams presented sundry remonstrances against the admission of Texas into the Union as a slaveholding State—Boyd of Kentucky moved to lay them on the table. Carried. Ayes 115, Nays 72.

Mr. Harmanston addressed the House on the death of Gen. J. B. Dawson of Louisiana. His grave, he said was attended by the poor, political friend and political foe.—The usual resolutions were passed, and the House adjourned.

Good News.

We have barely time to say that there is a prospect of a general thaw. The Ohio is rising—Monongahela, Kanawha, Licking, Kentucky, have broken up, and there are some six feet on the shoals of the Cumberland below Nashville. If the present soft weather continues, navigation on our rivers will be resumed.

GLEANINGS.

There was a panic in Wall street on the 8th. Norwich and Wooster opened at 91 and closed at 76. The depression was attributed to the war rumors of the day.

Accounts from Upper California to the 15th October last have been received at New York. A British fleet destined for Oregon, passed up the west coast early in October.

Josiah Quincy, (whig) was elected Mayor of Boston on the 8th. His majority was 2,264 over native and democratic candidates.

B. McAlpin was chosen Mayor of Mobile.

Sixty barrels of sunflower seed have been recently brought from Keokuk to St. Louis. The oil of the sunflower is very useful in the arts. The rich soil of the West may produce it to any extent.

Wm. Darnell arrived at Washington from Texas on the 9th, bringing a copy of the constitution adopted by the people thereof.

The steamer Dennison burst her boiler at New Carthage on the 30th November, killing Captain Rhodes and one of the passengers.

In the mountains in Arkansas—in Western Tennessee—in Western Kentucky, fire in the woods has been very extensive. The loss of mast and of grasses will be severely felt.

It is said that 300 Cherokees of the Ross party have driven the treaty party across the line, and besides burning houses and cattle, had committed some twelve or fifteen murders.

Cotton goods from Boston during November, amounted to 8,759 bales and cases. Total for the last six months, 45,232 against 43,810 same time last year. Foreign shipments have increased 2,152 bales; domestic decrease 730.

The available balance in the Treasury of Pennsylvania, is \$356,617.76. Amount due from counties for 1845, \$616,000—for previous year, \$257,000—total \$873,000. The amount of interest due in February next is \$900,000.

Six plantations are said to be abandoned by their owners, in the west part of Louisiana. The Pickens states that they were escorted by an armed band of Texans. They took with them whatever goods and chattels they could carry.

Hon. W. C. Preston has been appointed President of Columbia College, South Carolina. The Rev. Mr. Thorowell will remain Professor in that Institution.

The schooner Patuxent, a slave, has been captured by U. S. ship Yorktown.

Mr. Ferguson was elected speaker in the Florida Legislature in the place of Mr. Archer, resigned.

The Virginia Legislature, it is said, will direct the call of a convention.

The Cunard steamer, Acadia, was to leave Liverpool on Thursday last. After that, they enter upon their winter arrangements; one of them will leave Liverpool on the 4th of each month, till April, when the same monthly trips will be resumed.

The Propeller Massachusetts left New York for Liverpool last Wednesday.

G. C. Read, commodore, has been appointed to the command of the U. S. Naval force on the coast of Africa.

The New York Prison Association, held its first Anniversary in that city Friday week. It has received \$3,000 in donations—relieved 122 discharged male prisoners; established a house for females on being let from prison, into which 107 have been admitted—procured employment for 70—obtained the release of 80 boys and restored them to their parents and friends. Let such good works be followed everywhere.

A great stage robbery! \$30,700 in bank bills, and \$14,540 in notes and checks was stolen from the drivers box of the stage coach Massachusetts, Saturday week.

Mason County Resolutions Again!

It seems from the following resolutions that the slaveholders think it almost a game case with them. The friends of emancipation had the good sense to stay away.

From the Mayville Eagle.

Mason County Meeting.—C. M. Clay's Paper.

In accordance with a notice, signed by four hundred and fifty-six citizens of Mason County, and published in the Mayville Eagle, a mass meeting of the people of the county, was held at the Court House in Washington on Monday, the 10th of November, to consider the questions growing out of the recent action of the citizens of Lexington in the suppression of the "True American," published by Cassius M. Clay.

The meeting was held in Mason, the Court House not being able to contain them, and was called to order by David Morris, Esq; upon whose motion, the Hon. ADAM BEATTY, Esq; was appointed Chairman, and R. H. STANTON, Secretary.

HENRY WALLER, Esq; addressed the meeting, explaining fully its object, and reviewing at length the circumstances con-

necting with the action of the citizens at Lexington. He referred to the testimony adduced upon the trial of the persons engaged in the removal of the True American, and elucidated most clearly, by an array of powerful argument, the imperative necessity by which they were actuated in their proceedings. He concluded by submitting the following resolutions:

1. Resolved, That in a land of liberty and law, whose institutions are based on the popular will and controlled by the popular opinion, it is especially proper that the sentiments of the people upon matters of great and novel interest should be ascertained; and that in assembling here to day to express our opinions upon the proceedings at Lexington of the 18th of August, we realize the responsibilities we assume as citizens and men, and are gravely sensible of our duties to ourselves, our country and our kind.

2. Resolved, That whenever existing laws are competent to ward off impending danger from the citizens, or the community, no magnitude of evil will justify a departure from the forms of law; and that the undelimited powers of society should only be exerted in emergencies beyond the cognization of the laws, when the evil is more fearful than the remedy; and then always for prevention, never for punishment.

3. Resolved, That cases of extreme public peril may and do occur, which the laws are incompetent to meet, and which can only be encountered and controlled by a majestic movement of the people in their might; and these cases are not to be confounded with disorderly assemblies and mobs, which originate in licentious passion and result in crime; the one is no more a precedent for the other, than is homicide in self-defense a precedent for murder.

4. Resolved, That the tone and tendencies, the sympathies and principles of the "True American" stamp it essentially an Abolition print, and that situated in the heart of a Slave State and conducted by a man utterly reckless of the interest of all around him—an incendiary or a madman—deaf to the voice of expostulation and warning, it had at the time of its suppression, become a great public nuisance.

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F. T. CHAMBERS, Esq; then rose and explained his position upon the questions emanating, as he stated, from the resolutions, and government were said to be as follows—1. The Rioler Norte to be the boundary—2. An indemnity of five millions of dollars—3. Upper California to be ceded to the United States, as far as the head of the Gulf, the river Gila, which empties into the Colorado of the west to be the boundary. We are assured that these propositions were discussed in the Mexican Congress.

An arrival from Havana has placed the editors of the N. Y. Sun in possession of advices from Vera Cruz to the 6th ult, a day or two later than previous accounts.

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A New Raphael, we see by a letter from Florida, October 3d, has come to light, in an old ruined, cloister there, is a "Last Supper," and has Raphael's exposer, and the date 1505.—One of the Apostles has Raphael's own likeness.

REVIEW OF THE MARKET.

LOUISVILLE, December 29, 1845.

The weather continues cold. From present prospects, it is difficult to say, when free navigation can be resumed.

Receipts of new bacon, this week, have been scarce, owing to the continued cold weather. Prime lots of hog round have brought 64c from wagons and 65c by higher from cars. The rate of degree of activity.

BAGGING & ROPE.—None coming in—none shipping—none selling—none in demand. The price of rope is 25c per ton. We continue our quotations, which are by no means nominal. Bagging \$24 1/2c, bale rope 3/4c.

IRON.—There is a fair demand at \$15.50. BEEHIVE AXES.—With ready sale at 25c from wagons, and 26c from stores.

COFFEE.—The stock is rather light, and the demand moderate. We quote at 74c in casks, and 65c in boxes.

COTTON YARNS.—We quote at 64, 74, 84c, for the different numbers. The market for



The Unattainable.  
From the eventful transitions  
And from music's sweet surprises,  
From day-dreams and twilight visions  
I can picture paradise—  
Ah! if fancies might be things,  
Then, of a sudden, I would be  
Of the whole wide world away,  
I would fly to realms of fancy—  
But I want the wings.

Manhood I have never found  
Save before high thrones of Beauty,  
To ideals which transcend  
Aught that could command my duty  
On the darkling desert orb.  
Woman I have loved—but lightly—  
Young hearts burn—but burn too brightly—  
Theirs is not the flame which nightly  
Souls of stars absorb!

Tremulous and transitory,  
Moths in moonlight, air desires  
Die, attaining not the glory  
Which hath won them to their fires—  
Broadway Journal.

The Demon of 1845.  
The following "dream of realities" is  
given in *George Cruikshank's Table*  
Book published in London, and although  
having special relation to phrases of  
general affairs in the "Great Metropolis" it  
may be applied as well to the business phenom-  
ena of large cities on this side of the water.  
It is a dream to be sure as vividly pictured  
as stern reality, about which there is more  
truth than "stuff" of which such visions  
are said to be constituted.

"I heard a mighty noise in the great  
city a loud laughter, and shriek of exulta-  
tion, as though it were a period of merriment,  
for the laugh, though it was loud, was  
hollow in its sound; and the shriek, though  
it was triumphant, was harsh and almost  
frantic. And I was raised—as one can be  
only in dreams—to an eminence, whence I  
looked down on the city, with its streets, its  
lanes and its alleys as we look on a panora-  
ma.

How great was the tumult in every direc-  
tion! Men of every rank pressed forward,  
pushing and scuffling, all crowding as if  
towards one central point. The lazy blon-  
ded rich seemed to have acquired new activity;  
the pallid face of the poor was illumined  
by a hectic flush; the industrious had  
flung aside the implements of his toil; there  
were many men, but there was one spirit  
infused by some magic power into the whole.

I turned my eyes towards an eminence,  
in the great city, for thither I saw the people  
were tending; and strange was the sight  
I beheld. A gigantic form, seemingly  
fashioned of iron, but animated by a sort  
of semi-life, was seated on a throne. The  
eyes flashed, and it was with the redness  
of fire, not with the life sparkle of humani-  
ty; the breath of the nostrils was a thick  
white vapour, which reached the far distance  
ere it began to disperse. The occupation of  
the figure was unthoughtful enough. In  
each corner of his huge mouth it held a  
large iron pipe, through which it blew in-  
numerable spheres, that all glittered like  
gold, and were wafted about in the air, and  
it was strange to see what a face the figure  
made when it had puffed out more than an  
usual quantity of these floating erections.  
The lips forced themselves into a hard  
mechanical smile, as if though the workings  
of a stiff unwilling organization; and it was  
difficult to say whether this smile, expressed  
a sort of heavy satisfaction, or whether it  
was not mingled with something of irony.

I now perceived the object of the crowd-  
ing and pushing on the part of the multi-  
tude. The glittering surfaces of the spheres  
flashed upon their eyes; and blinded them  
to all else. The possession of these had  
become the sole object of those who  
gazed on them, and it was with the intensi-  
ty of passion that they jostled and pushed  
each other in their pursuit. The spheres,  
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Mammon rolled more uneasily on his  
couch, while Fraud trembled, and Poverty  
shrieked louder than before. But  
Civilization looked towards Heaven. But  
a firm countenance, and seemed not to  
heed the uneasiness of the rest. And the  
glass again appeared before me, but the  
hand was as dull as steel when it is  
breathed upon, and it pointed to the  
word PAR.

The gloomy stillness did not last long.  
A strange rumbling noise proceeded from  
the interior of the figure, and the people  
audibly expressed their terror. This was  
done in strange terms, such as I did not  
understand. Some, for instance, would  
utter the word "call," and at this many  
a cheek would grow pale as death. Then  
arose a murmuring sound about "heavy  
differences" and "panic" and many  
were cursing the hour when the great  
first appeared in the great city. Many  
other bubbles had burst besides those I  
had seen; and even those who had re-  
served for themselves the more precious  
boons, I saw hugging them wild with un-  
easiness, as if they would vanish like  
the rest.

Presently all joined in one terrible shout.  
"Here comes the crisis," and on this  
there was an explosion so fearful that I  
awoke, but not before I saw the limbs  
of the giant scattered in every direction  
and myriads shattered by the burst or  
flying in alarm. The glass was gone,  
but for a moment, as if written in light-  
ening, there flashed upon my eyes the  
word DISCOURT.

Nevertheless, the form of Civilization  
stood amid the confusion, looking as  
hopeful and as placid as ever."

Choosing a Wife.  
Grant Thorburn, of New York, an old  
married man, and one who ought to under-  
stand what he writes from long experience  
in a series of articles directed particularly  
to the young merchants of his own city,  
gives the following advice concerning the  
choice of a bride and the husband's con-  
duct to his wife after marriage. We have  
been requested to publish it by a gentle-  
man of the old school who declares to us  
that he has seldom found so much truth  
and conscientious advice presented in so  
small a compass.

In choosing a wife, let her be of a fami-  
ly not vain of their name or connexions,  
but remarkable for their simplicity of man-  
ners and integrity of life. Let her be alike  
free from family and hereditary diseases;  
neither fix your eyes on a celebrated beauty  
—she is apt to be proud of her pretty  
face, and afraid to soil her delicate features.  
The woman who washes her own silver  
spoons, China, cups, and platters, and per-  
forms other light services in the family, is  
always the most healthy, the most happy,  
and the most contented—for thus she  
gains the approbation of her husband and  
her own conscience. The woman who  
leaves her family four or five hours every  
day, running from shop to shop, and mak-  
ing calls is always unhappy; for conscience  
says you have been sowing the wind;  
you shall reap the whirlwind. Beauty is  
a very desirable ingredient in choosing a  
wife; you will be proud of your handsome  
wife when you introduce her to a friend;  
but by all means find out if you can, whether  
she is wife of her beauty. If you find  
she is daily washing her (already) pretty  
face with milk of roses, and using com-  
plications—that is daily pouring water and  
Maccassar oil on her (already) glossy hair—if  
this is the case, it is rather an alarming  
symptom. A handsome woman never looks  
so well as when she doesn't know it.

Good nature is another necessary virtue  
in a wife. This, though, it is not so essen-  
tial, as a man must be a consummate block-  
head if he cannot lead (not drive) a woman  
by fair words. A good manager is another  
indispensable qualification. After marriage  
if a woman does not pique herself on her  
knowledge of family affairs, and laying out  
money to the best advantage, let her be  
ever so sweet tempered, gracefully man-  
aged, or elegantly accomplished, she is no wife for  
a man of business. When people are har-  
monious in their domestic relations, they must  
draw together. It's a man's duty to give  
to his wife, it is the wife's duty to use it  
with the most scrupulous economy.

Having now resolved to be married do  
not distinguish your wedding day with too  
much attention, nor suffer it to pass without  
proper acknowledgment. Let wear a so-  
ber smile, such as would become your part-  
ner and you for life, not to be convulsed  
with riotous laughter, that leaves tears in  
the eyes and heaviness at the heart as soon  
as the fit is over. Moderation in all things  
is the very essence of life neither fly to the  
mountains nor linger about the springs, the  
money thus foolishly spent would pay for  
all the coal you would burn next winter,  
proceed in the usual and easy tenor of  
your way, prosecuting your regular busi-  
ness with all the sober realities on your  
back; for remember that the harvest lasts  
not all the year. Continue to treat your  
wife with the same cheerfulness on your  
wife, the same tenderness in your eyes,  
the same obliging turn in your behaviour  
with which you were wont to treat her in  
the days of courtship, if you do this her  
love will never change. Above all things  
never let her imagine it a penance for you  
to stay at home, or that you prefer any  
other company whatever to hers, let her  
share with you all your pleasures. By these  
and similar acts of kindness, you will  
secure her love and gratitude at once,  
and she will say she is the happiest woman  
on earth.

We copy from the *Planters' (Attak.) Banner*,  
the subjoined tables:  
Comparative statement of Sugar produced in  
Louisiana, in 1843 and '44.

	1843.	1844.
St. Mary.	18,311	18,795
Ascension.	10,633	19,223
Iberville.	9,644	16,463
St. James.	9,350	21,519
Calumet Interior.	6,732	14,205
Plaquemine.	6,641	14,761
Terrebonne.	6,366	12,661
Assumption.	5,356	11,990
St. Charles.	5,282	12,532
St. John the Baptist.	5,743	13,575
Jefferson.	5,453	11,218
West Baton Rouge.	3,087	4,247
St. Martin.	2,920	4,047
East Baton Rouge.	2,384	4,474
St. Bernard.	2,926	6,941
Lafayette.	78	372
Orleans.	295	1,170
Point Coupee.	496	888
Vermilion.	000	862
Divers small parcels.	100,346	191,324
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Increase.		90,978

He who pretends to be every body's par-  
ticular friend is nobody's.  
Let him speak who received, let the  
giver hold his peace.  
A house built by a man's father, and a  
vineyard planted by his grandfather.  
He who plows his land, and breeds cat-  
tle, spins gold.

COLORADO STUDENTS.—The faculty of  
Durham College have consented to  
receive colored students. In reply they  
say "Our usages, in respect to the admis-

sion of students are entirely impartial.  
We make no distinction in regard to na-  
tion or color." The African or Indian  
as a freely received as the Saxon, and  
possessed of the requisite literary and  
moral qualifications."—*Maine Herald.*

DEFERRED ITEMS.

ANOTHER LARGE STEAMER, the "George Wash-  
ington," is being built in New York for one of  
the Albany lines. She is to be of 1400 tons, 340  
long, 40 feet beam, 72 feet wide on deck, 104 feet  
hold, and propelled by an engine of 1500 horse  
power.

CORPUS CHRISTI.—The troops at this station  
under the command of Gen. Taylor, have been or-  
dered to march over the prairie country towards  
the Rio Grande, for Brassos, St. Jago, and other  
places.

FACTORY IN VIRGINIA.—A woollen factory has  
just been put up in Richmond, 42 by 45 feet, and  
four stories high. It is capable of manufacturing  
9000 yards of flannel per week, and working up  
210,000 lbs. of wool per annum.

The Yarmouth Register states, that of fifty in-  
dividuals addressed upon the subject of the potato  
rot, the answers received served to establish the  
fact "that potatoes manured by sea-weed alone  
are not injured by the rot."

MISSOURI STATE CONVENTION.—The Convention  
to amend the Constitution of Missouri, has met at  
Jefferson City. Judge Robert W. Wells was  
elected President on the fifth ballot, over Lieut.  
Governor Mendenhall by 36 votes to 25, and 5  
members absent. Mr. Walker was elected Secre-  
tary, and Mr. Basset his assistant.

The French ship *Cateaubaud*, about whose  
safety much anxiety has been felt, arrived at New  
Orleans on the 22nd ult., with 1000 passengers.

ADVANTAGES OF TRAVEL IN GERMANY.—Of course  
you can't go to bed; but this is an advantage in  
Germany. Putting a feather bed under a man is  
intelligible, but another above him is quite a dif-  
ferent thing. In Germany there are two things  
which make travelling more comfortable than in  
this country. The former are the most discom-  
forting of their race, the latter the most downy. I  
never got between the two masses of feathers  
without thinking of the infant perched in the  
Tower. But I should like to see anybody  
try to smother a German. They are unsmother-  
able. What with the tobacco smoke and the choky  
stove, and the unopening windows, course of train-  
ing they go through, fresh air is an article in no  
request at all. Put a bed receiver over the *Fader-  
land*, exhaust the atmosphere, and horrid nature  
with vacuum, and the *German* of Germany can eat  
beds he can sleep in, in air he can breathe, in  
which will go, horses which will trot, let him put  
himself in a steamer bond for the Rhine, and the  
word is a great deal better than a horse, a  
sadder, and a wiser, and a thinner man.—*George  
Cruikshank's Table-book.*

STATE CONVENTION.—The official vote of this  
State on calling a Convention, as declared by the  
State Canvassers, is for the Convention 23,567;  
Against 13,839. For the amendment to the  
amendment to the Constitution in relation to the  
Removal of Judicial Officers 114,761; Against 3-  
769; nay, 111,080. For the amendment for the  
reorganization of the Legislature for office  
114,900; Against 3,901; nay, 110,999.

A NOVEL CASE.—A case says the *Danbury*  
Times, came before Justice Stone, last Wednes-  
day, which was something new under the sun.  
Mr. Francis Fairchild brought an action of book  
cover, against the defendant, who was a young  
man, for magnetic information concerning property  
which had been stolen from him. As we under-  
stand it, Mr. Hunt agreed to pay \$5 for the de-  
fendant to find out where the property was, and  
magical powers, but Mr. Hunt refused pay-  
ment on the ground that the manner in which  
the money was taken was incorrectly stated.—  
The trial resulted in favor magnetism.—*Norwalk*  
(Ct.) Gazette.

COLORADO POPULATION.—In 1840, according to  
the U. S. census then taken, the number of col-  
ored persons in New York was 50,031; in 1835,  
according to the State census, 44,349. Decrease  
since 1840, 780; do. since 1840, 5,665. Is this  
decrease in consequence of erroneous returns,  
or has there been a large actual decrease?

THE ROWLEY ROBBERY.—The editors of the  
*Police Gazette* assert that they have reason for  
believing that Mr. Rowley, of Wrentham, Mass.,  
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Alton with a Railroad.

The Springfield interest is more particularly  
awakened on the subject, in view of the con-  
templated change in the seat of government from that  
place to Peoria.

PORTSMOUTH AND CONCORD RAILROAD.—There  
appears to be a fair prospect that the efforts to put  
this road in operation will be crowned with suc-  
cess. It is stated that Concord will subscribe  
\$100,000 of the capital. Portsmouth must and will  
take over \$300,000.—*Port. (N. H.) Jour.*

FREIGHTS FOR AMERICAN SHIPS.—The follow-  
ing is an extract of a letter from the captain of an  
American ship, dated Havre, Oct. 7th, 1845:—  
"The American ships that are up for New Or-  
leans cannot get any freight, as one per cent, extra  
insurance is charged on freight by American  
ships. The French ships that are up for New Or-  
leans are doing well with both freight and passen-  
gers."

SMOKED TO DEATH.—Mr. Christopher Sewell, of  
Boston, died a few days since from the effects of  
smoking cigars to an insupportable extent. He had  
persecuted himself on so great a debility, that he died  
from the rupture of a small blood vessel.

POETRY FOR THANKSGIVING.—The Providence  
Journal, says:—  
"Our friends in the Narragansett country, are  
beginning to send their annual contributions of  
poetry for Thanksgiving. The first volume, at  
the Western depot, 50,343 pounds of poultry  
were received for Boston last Saturday."

SNOW.—The Albany Atlas of Monday says:—  
We had a light sprinkling of snow this morning,  
which melted as soon as it reached the ground.—  
The sun shone out finely all day, and the air al-  
though cool, is clear and bracing.

We learn from the N. O. Delta, that the money  
for the payment of the Texas Volunteers, is on  
hand, and that when their term of service expires,  
on the 19th instant, they will be paid.

Virginia Nobility—Education.  
Public attention is now being directed to  
the cause of education in old Virginia, thro'  
the medium of the press, and we presume  
that every one, (unless it is a few who take  
a pride in living on the reputation of the  
glorious dead,) will join with us in saying  
it is time and late enough now. We scarce-  
ly know which of the following articles to  
recommend the stronger—the introductory  
remarks of the *Natchez Courier*, or the  
"Appeal" from the *Richmond Whig*. They  
both abound in facts as true as gospel tho'  
without the figures,—facts, incontrovertible  
facts,—the first mentioned in particular  
—facts which have not only sickened and  
disgusted every man in Mississippi, but  
have had an equally deleterious effect upon  
every sensible man, woman and child in  
every State and Territory of this Union.  
The extracts, however, speak for them-  
selves.—*Mo. Statesman.*

VIRGINIANS—WELL SPOKEN.—We have  
often been amused at some Virginians, who  
have seemed to think that every thing in  
Virginia was superior to the same article,  
let it come from what quarter it might.  
We have heard them argue most vocifer-  
ously that the men, women, and children  
of Virginia were far superior to the men,  
women, and children of any other State or  
country; that the deer in Virginia could  
leap further, the squirrels climb higher,  
the horses run faster; that the geese, ducks,  
and chickens were larger and fatter and  
their owners more hospitable than in any  
other State; that the birds and beasts of  
Virginia were more numerous. We have  
seen young Virginians with a good deal  
less sense that would suffice for double the  
number of ordinary men, talk as if being  
a Virginian, and particularly if descended  
from one of the first families, was sufficient  
to insure an entrance into the best society  
of any part of the world; was of itself a  
passport to universal respectability. So  
common indeed was such indelicate talk  
a few years ago, in Mississippi, that it ex-  
cited public ridicule, and that ridicule,  
proved competent to put down much of the  
slang about "Old Virginia," "First Fam-  
ilies," "Mother of States and Statesmen,"  
F. F. V. is now as well understood to  
mean "First Families of Virginia" as L.  
L. D. does "Doctor of Laws" and "HIGH-  
LY INDEBTED VIRGINIA" precedes the men-  
tion of a Virginian's birth-place almost as  
certainly as said birth place is mentioned.—  
These peculiarities, like many other  
sources of amusement to the "natives,"  
have had their day, and the recollection of  
them now since Virginia's deep immersion  
in the gutter of ignorance—only reminds  
us that *illium fuit*.

We started out with the design of copy-  
ing an article from the *Richmond Whig*,  
which shows that there is one Virginian  
who can see Virginia as others do. Here  
it is:  
EDUCATION.—AN APPEAL TO VIRGINIA.—  
The Alexandria Gazette calls upon us to  
urge this great subject with unrelaxed vi-  
gor—a call which we need no stimulant to  
obey. But to what use? Is there not ob-  
vious to all a deadness, and insensibility on  
the subject which renders effort to arouse  
the slumbering energies of the country  
almost hopeless? Is not Virginia the "Ban-  
ner State" of ignorance, from having been  
the first in intelligence, numbers and re-  
sources? How has that dishonorable fact  
operated upon our Virginia feelings? Has  
it diminished our boasted arrogance? Has  
it produced any sense of national humility?  
Has it induced our public councils to in-  
vestigate the causes of national declension,  
and to provide a remedy? Far, very far  
from it. Living now upon the reputation  
of the dead, we are even more arrogant  
than when the dead were alive! Declined  
into a fourth or fifth rate State, with fair  
prospects of declining still lower, we are  
far more immodest than when Virginia  
ruled the Union, less by her physical force  
than the general illumination of her peo-  
ple, and the learning and abilities of her  
celebrated statesmen.—Dwarfed in moral  
stature, we make up (like Roderick Ran-  
dom's companion in the stage coach) in  
loudness of voice and vehemence of gasconade  
what we lack in our ancient dimen-  
sions! Listen to our orators—read our po-  
litical writers—and you shall still hear and  
read the phrase of the "glorious Old Dimen-  
sion," the "great and untimbered," the "bless-  
ed mother of us all," the "mother of  
States and Statesmen," and similar slang  
and stereotyped phrases, which patriots ut-  
ter, and which fools believe, repeated un-  
til unutterable disgust pervades the heart of  
every man who has the intelligence to per-  
ceive, and the firmness to acknowledge, the  
disgraceful truth that this Virginia gen-  
eration instead of being allowed to BRAG, ought  
to be flogged at the cart tail for its woul-  
degeneracy from those illustrious ancestors  
who are disgracing by their slug-  
gishness and imbecility?

Tom Corwin.

A Philadelphia correspondent of the N. O.  
Orleans Tropic, gives the following in-  
cident in connection with the name of Tom  
Corwin and the next Presidency.  
"The next President is a matter of specu-  
lation, and he is already nominated in  
the hearts of the young men of the coun-  
try. In gatherings of the intelligent sons  
of the southern and western States, there  
is a name that has a wonderful charm al-  
ready with all, and if death spares the  
man, he is destined to honorably fill the

office in the gift of a free people, and by  
his sterling ability redeem the country in  
prosperity and in honor. That man is  
Thomas Corwin, of Ohio. In a little par-  
ticularly assembled at a dinner table  
in Philadelphia, a few days since, six west-  
ern states were represented, besides a son  
of the old Keystone herself, and the sug-  
gestion of Tom Corwin's name for Presi-  
dent was received with a shout that we be-  
lieve is destined to be taken up by millions,  
and only sense when it is the last acclaim  
of his election to that great office, once  
filled by Washington and now held by  
Polk.

Such an expression in favor of one of  
the worthiest of the many accomplished  
Whigs of Ohio, is a compliment that may  
well be valued. We give publicity to the  
fact to which allusions is made, and which  
we find copied in the leading Whig *Journal*  
of Missouri, (the St. Louis Republican),  
with the more readiness, because it is  
known and has been heretofore stated that  
Mr. Corwin has declared his unalterable  
purpose not to be a candidate for the next  
Presidency. While we have on all occa-  
sions opposed an early agitation of the  
question of the next Presidency, we have  
felt it to be our duty, knowing the senti-  
ments of Mr. Corwin, to state explicitly  
his position.—O. S. Journal.

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